

**REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
JULY 22, 2009 – 2:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Eugene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Caldwell, Laurie Boivin, Randal Chevalier, Jeremy Weso (late), Kathy Kaquatosh, Keith Tourtillott, Betty Jo Wozniak, and David A. Waupoose. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present: Ben Kaquatosh, Devan Erdman, Nicole Wilber, Denise Pommer, Wayne Wilber, Thomas Litzow, Toni Caldwell, AnnMarie Johnson, Chief Judge Stephan Grochowski, Debra Bowman, Christopher Caldwell, Warren Warrington, Raymond Kaquatosh, John Teller Sr., Ami Nacotee, Shawn Klemens, David Grignon, Brett Hoffman, Mark Waukau Sr., Richard Bugler, Marlin Waupoose, Gary Pyawasay, Devin Wynos, Jennifer Gauthier, Annette Westphal, Brianna Ninham, and Linda Peters, Recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. Eugene Caldwell requested a moment of silence.

3. Approval of Minutes dated June 2, 2009.

There were no corrections needed.

Motion made by Laurie Boivin to approve the minutes dated June 2, 2009 with any corrections needed. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Chevalier), and 1 absent (Weso).

(Jeremy Weso entered the meeting at 2:07 p.m.)

4. Raymond C. Kaquatosh proposal: Discussion/Recommendations.

Raymond Kaquatosh was requesting funding to finish his memoirs. John Teller Sr. will assist Mr. Kaquatosh in submitting a proposal outlining all of his expenses next month.

5. Keshena Animal Help and Rescue Services Funding Request: New Building.

Richard Bugler updated the Committee on the progress of the proposed dog kennel in Keshena. The Committee informed Mr. Bugler to contact Community Development for the location located behind the Housing Department Building and Go Around Road. He will need to bring in long range plans showing the site work, where the sewer and water will tie-in, how many dogs can be housed, and the duration of stay, how much it will cost to feed and bathe the animals. etc.

Motion made by to Jeremy Weso to table this item until Mr. Bugler is ready to present his item. Second was by David Waupoose. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

6. FY 2010 Recreation Department Space Rental Rate.

Marlin Waupoose presented the space rental cost for the Recreation Building and requested the rate of \$7.56 per square foot due to the increased renovation size. Tribal Administration informed the Committee that there are three offices that are available in this building, but that the tenants have not been determined yet.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Legislature to approve the Recreational Department Space Rental Rate at \$ 7.56 per square foot. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

7. Menominee County Agreement: Discussion/Recommendations.

Tribal Administration presented a listing of the agreements that the Tribe currently has with Menominee County. The Committee would like to see a further breakdown as to what program is funded with tribal dollar amounts, grant funding amounts, and the County's share.

This will be presented at the next meeting.

8. Cost Containment Plan: Discussion/Recommendations.

Jeremy Weso-Tribal Administrator explained to the Committee what the Tribe has enacted as a cost containment plan due to the Tribe's Financial Crisis. Eugene Caldwell-MIGA Chairman explained to the Committee how the Casino has been managing to get the proposed transfers to the Tribe, but the economy has not allowed the full amount to be transferred. The MIGA Board passed a motion decreasing the amount of the proposed transfers from 10.4 million to 9 million. Kathy Kaquatosh-Finance Director explained to the Committee where the Tribe is financially up to the end of June 2009.

The Committee reviewed all this information and made the following recommendation to the Legislature for approval.

Motion was made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to approve Option "A"- Accepting Revised Casino Projection of \$9 million and to appropriate by Ordinance Trani Estate funds for all lands purchased since October 1, 2008 and to transfer \$1,000,000 (cash reserves) to be used in the event of a lack of cash flow. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

The Tribal Constitution would prohibit forwarding this recommendation to the Legislature at an Emergency Meeting as the Legislature would need to appropriate funding. A Special Meeting would need to be conducted.

Motion was made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to hold a special meeting on Monday July 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Tribal Office Boardroom, in order to do a first consideration for the changes in the 2009 Tribal budgets. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

Motion made by David Waupoose to move to item # 11 – Recreation Center Renovation Issue. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

11. Recreation Center Renovation Issue: Discussion/Recommendations.

The Tribe is currently renovating the Recreation Center. In the process, mold has been found and the cost to remediate the mold is \$ 69, 250. This funding can come from the Tribes Restricted Use Budget.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature to appropriate the amount of \$69,250 from the Judgment Funds Alternative and Addition projects line item for remediation of the mold from the Menominee Recreation Center. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

Motion made by David Waupoose to recess items # 9, # 10, and # 11, and meet again on July 29, 2009 starting at 2 p.m. in the Tribal Office Boardroom. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

Meeting is in recess at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder/Transcriber
Recording Clerk-Chairman's Office